

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are amended herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 and 10-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Owa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,348,971) and Aoki (U.S. Pat. No. 6,631,008) and further in view of Perry (U.S. Pat. No. 7,102,778). Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aoki (U.S. Pat. No. 6,631,008) and Owa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,348,971), and further in view of Perry (U.S. Pat. No. 7,102,778). These rejections are respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant amends claims 1-3 and 9-15.

As described at page 59, line 26 to page 60, line 2 of Applicant's specification, the present invention has a feature that if the network printer receives intermediate print data which contains printing conditions indicating that printing should be done on the network printer itself, it converts the received intermediate print data into specialized print data and does printing based on the resulting specialized print data. Since the network printer corresponds to the output device and printing corresponds to output, Applicant amends the independent claims to recite that "if the output device receives intermediate output data which contains output conditions indicating that output should be done on the output device itself, the output device converts the received intermediate print data into specialized print data and does outputting based on the resulting

specialized output data". The dependent claims inherit this amendment due to their dependent status.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of Owa, Aoki or Perry teaches or suggests the claimed invention. That is, none of Owa, Aoki or Perry teaches or suggests, at least, a configuration wherein if the output device receives intermediate output data which contains output conditions indicating that output should be done on the output device itself, the output device converts the received intermediate print data into specialized print data and does outputting based on the resulting specialized output data. As such, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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